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## Note to the Reader

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of *The Delta*, the English Department journal. A delta, as you know, is the name for the place where a river flows into a larger body of water. This aptly symbolizes the journal's goal to share student papers written for English classes with a broader audience. Delta also traditionally means "change," and with this journal, the audience for the papers changes, as does a reader's knowledge of the diverse subjects covered.

*The Delta* received an impressive number of submissions for its first publication, and the high quality of papers made the selection process challenging. We followed a blind selection procedure in which the editorial board could judge the papers based solely on criteria outlined in the journal's original call for submissions:

We seek original and analytical papers unified around a specific thesis. The paper must be cohesive, well-supported, and, where applicable, properly cited using MLA format. While we will only publish excellent papers, we seek a diverse representation of work so that the publication covers many time periods, genres, subjects, and methodologies.

The editorial board would like to thank everyone who submitted a paper for consideration. We are grateful to Susan Sombeck and Printing Services for all their help throughout the publication process as well as Student Senate for funding *The Delta*. Thank you also to Megan Mondt and Molly M. McLay, our senior advisors who helped initiate this journal. Thanks also to Megan for her work ensuring that we could follow a blind selection process. And, last but not least, thank you to Dr. Mike Theune for your guidance.

We hope you enjoy the very first publication of *The Delta*.

*The Delta* Editorial Board